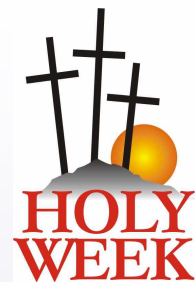




READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



Thought for the week

There is much to reflect on in this Gospel. One interesting note, however, is the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ. After his three denials, Peter "wept bitterly." These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. To relieve the pain of what he had done, Judas took his own life. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.

"Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."



Matthew 26:34

MASS INTENTIONS & HOLY WEEK

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 12th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Colin & Marina's Wedding Ann. (Colin)	TRAIIDCRAFT Fighting poverty through trade
Sun 13th Palm Sunday	10.00am	Sunday Mass	John Blake + (Marian Tilney)	
Mon 14th	6.00am	Mass of the 6th Week of Lent	Holy Souls +	7.30pm ~ Penitential Svc (St James)
Tue 15th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Adoration Mass of the 6th Week of Lent	Fr Bon's 16th Anniversary of Ordination	
Wed 16th	9.15am	Mass of the 6th Week of Lent	Yvonne Young + (Ashley Young)	
Thu 17th Maundy Thursday	8.00pm 9.30pm 11.45pm	Mass of the Last Supper Exposition & prayer Compline	St John Bosco parishioners	
Fri 18th Good Friday	10.00am 10.45am 12.00pm 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Walk of Witness to Precinct Hunger lunch (till 2pm) Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion		
Sat 19th Holy Saturday	8.00pm	The Easter Vigil	St John Bosco parishioners	
Sun 20th Easter Sunday	10.00am	Easter Sunday Mass	St John Bosco parishioners	

Please remember that Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence.

For those aged 14+ fasting is the reduction of one's intake of food, while abstinence refers to refraining from meat (or meat based products).

All Masses 21st—26th April will be at 10am plus the 6.30pm Vigil on Sat 26th

LENTEN CHALLENGE

The last 6am Monday Lenten Challenge Mass is being held this Monday 14th April.

After Mass there will be coffee & croissant afterwards in the parish centre (donations to Romania Link please).

READING PASTORAL AREA LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The last Reading Pastoral Area Lent Penitential Service will be held on: **Monday 14th April 7.30pm at St James**



Maundy Thursday

Following Mass of the Last Supper there will be Exposition in the Lady Chapel lead by 3 of our church Groups; 9.30 ~ Divine Mercy, 10am ~ Repository helpers and 10.30pm ~ Liturgy Group.

The Easter Triduum Services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) are the most important Services during the Church's year. Please do try to make the effort to attend, even if you haven't been to church for a while, everyone is most welcome - so do come along and join us.



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**Church Office is open
next week:**

Mon, Tue & Thu 8am - 1pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 372.00

Loose: £ 271.73

Standing orders: £ 293.00

Total : £ 936.73p

**Thank you for your generous
contributions. Your donations
make the life and work of the
parish possible.**

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Easter Flowers

On: 13th April 2014



**CAFOD Lent fast day raised
£565.46p ~ thank you.**

Psalm Response: Year A

**"My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?"**

Confession

There is no Saturday confession
until Saturday 3rd May

Youth Development Leader:

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EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter collection next
weekend traditionally goes to Fr
Bon to thank him for his ministry
and hard work in our Parish.
Please use the yellow gift aid
envelopes adding your gift aid
number if you have one.

Emergency numbers for the
Sacramental Ministry of a
priest:

Fr Bon 969 3423
Fr. Pat 931 4469
Fr. Emmanuel 966 3711
Fr John N 957 2149
Fr John O 957 4171

Please call your own priest first.

READING CHURCHES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

CHRIST THE KING

Sat 6.30pm, Sun 10am & 6pm

ENGLISH MARTYRS

Sat 6.30pm, Sun 9.30am,
11.30am & 5pm

OUR LADY OF PEACE

Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm

ST JAMES

Sat 6pm, Sun 11am

ST JOHN BOSCO

Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

ST WILLIAM OF YORK

Sun 9am, 11am & 6pm

VOLUNTEERS are still needed
for the Easter Services please
see the forms on the notice
board and sign up.

ST JOHN BOSCO COOK BOOK

Priced at £5 available from the
Repository & Church Office during
opening times.



COMING SOON

The great St John Bosco
bake off ~ details to follow !
Get practicing
your best cake
recipes.



Church Garden / Boarders

Our Maintenance Team have
done a great job tidying up the
boarders at the side of the church
and are asking for donations of
perennial plants, to fill & add
colour. If you have a spare plant
please leave in the church porch
as soon as possible ~ thank you.

COFFEE & CAKES

The next date for the
Parish Coffee &
Cakes fundraising is
Sunday 4th May. If
you can bake a cake
or help on the day,
please contact Cathy 9272419.



NEWS & EVENTS

QUICK NEWS

Lenten Almsgiving will go to **Yeldall Manor**. Our large green Lenten Almsgiving bottle will be in the church porch before and after all weekend Masses throughout Lent. Your support is much appreciated.



St George's Day Service at 2pm on Sunday 27th April. All welcome to join the Scout Group in celebrating England's Scouting Patron Saint in our church

Called and Gifted Workshop: Places for the Called and Gifted Workshop in June are filling up fast. Please book your place if you wish to come. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted and fill in the form. Places are free for those in the diocese. If someone outside the Diocese wishes to come, please cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

The Blessed John Paul II

Pilgrimage: 50 mile walk from Bury St Edmunds - Walsingham happening every summer since 2006, led by the Dominican Sisters from Sway. The walk is happening from 7th-10th August 2014. The pilgrims meet on the Thursday for an opening Mass on the ground of Bury St Edmunds Abbey ruins. The walk to Walsingham takes 3 days: 20 miles on Fri & Sat and 10 miles on Sun. It is open to everyone who is willing and able to walk. Accommodation is on the floor in halls. We have a group of pilgrims of various ages, inc families - from 30 and 60 people join us every year. The cost is £55 each - £45 a head for families. It includes everything (food and lodging) from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham. All welcome! For more info, contact Sr Hyacinthe, OP: sis-ter.hyacinthe@googlemail.com

ROMANIA LINK

Spectacular Easter Cake Sale

The Romania Group will be selling delicious homemade cakes on Easter Sunday morning. Please support the orphanage also families living in terrible poverty in Romania and buy a cake to enjoy for your Easter tea. Traditional simnel cakes, Easter chocolate cakes, fruit cakes, cup cakes and many more. If you are able to assist by baking a cake and help make this sale a bumper success please bring your contribution to the church on Saturday evening before the vigil Mass, or on Sunday morning. Thank you to everyone who has supported these efforts in the past.

CONFIRMATION 2015

Will start with Mass and an introductory
"Come & See" Session on **Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7pm until 8.30pm** (candidate & at least 1 parent). The preparation program is open to all young people in school years YR8 & YR9. The enrolment forms and full dates list will be available at this session. The Confirmation Ceremony for all candidates from our Reading Pastoral Area will be at **Portsmouth Cathedral on Sat 16th May 2015 at 3pm**. We ask all eligible young people to start thinking about Confirmation now in preparation for the "Come & See" Session.



"LIGHT" YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS IN THE SANCTUARY LAMP.

The Sanctuary Lamp we use in our church lasts a week. In this Year of Faith in Action, we encourage members of our parish to mark special periods in their lives by requesting to "light" the sanctuary lamp. This is another opportunity to draw close to the Lord in the Eucharist, to express your love for Him, and to let his light shine in your life. Volunteering to light the Sanctuary Lamp can only bring a greater feeling and experience of peace and blessings from the Lord. **If you would like to sponsor the lamp please fill in the lilac form available from the porch and return it to the church office asap.** The next available dates are:

Week commencing Sunday 27th April: **Main Church & Lady Chapel Lamps**

Sunday 4th May: **Main Church & Lady Chapel Lamps**

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

13th—20th April dedicated to:

Lady Chapel: Fr Bon 16th Ann. of Ordination



ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with APRIL anniversaries:

John Jerome Devlin+ Kevin Jordan+ Susan Joy+
Becky Janssens+ Robert Booth+ Terence Manzi+
Alan Booth+ Ina Dias+ John Knox+ Harry Foster+